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SUBJ: FHWA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM

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1. REFTTEL WAS SENT WITHOUT BEING FULLY COORDINATED WITHIN THE EMBASSY AND SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED NOT BE INTERPRETED AS AN EMBASSY POSITION ON A FHWA TEAM COMING TO IRAN. IF A DOLLAR WORKING FUND IS IN FACT ESTABLISHED, IT WILL OBVIOUSLY REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF A TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FHWA AND THE GOI MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION. AS WE HAVE STATED REPEATEDLY, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT IN OUR JUDGMENT THE FINAL STEP THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN BEFORE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PERSONNEL CAN BE DISPATCHED TO IRAN IN THE CONTEXT OF JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES.

2. AS NOTED IN TEHRAN 7679 WE HAVE YET TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE GOI ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION PERSONNEL. AS WAS REPORTED IN STATE 194660, UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY LAST WEEK. THIS MESSAGE NOTES THAT WE CAN EXPECT

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TO RECEIVE A SEPARATE TELEGRAM REGARDING STANDARD TERMS

OF AGENCY TO AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WHICH WE HAVE YET
TO RECEIVE. IT ALSO NOTES THAT WE CAN EXPECT TO HEAR
FROM ANSARY ON THIS MATTER WHICH WE HAVE YET TO DO.
ACCORDINGLY WE WISH TO CAUTION INTERESTED US AGENCIES,
INCLUDING THE FHWA WHO MAY BE CONTEMPLATING THE DISPATCH
OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION PERSONNEL TO IRAN, THAT SOME
PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THIS CAN BE DONE.

3. REFTTEL WAS AN EXPRESSION OF GOI HOPES AND INTENTIONS
AND NOT ACCOMPLISHED FACT.
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